

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-10, 12 and 13 are now pending in the application. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner, Son T. Nguyen, for the courtesies extended to applicant's attorney, Garrett C. Donley, during the telephone conference of February 9, 2005, during which the Examiner kindly clarified the interpretations of the existing claim language and the references cited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-10, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cota (U.S. Pat. No. 3,273,841) in view of Smith (U.S. Pat. No. 2,803,418). Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 13 through the present amendment, to clarify the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the bent device of Cota, in combination with the device of Smith, does not yield the present invention as now clarified.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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